



SAN ANTONIO POLICE

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NEWS RELEASE ***Officer-Involved Shooting***

The following is information based on the preliminary Investigation. This morning around 11:00 a.m., an officer responded to the 14800 block of Bluemist Pass for a disturbance. When the officer arrived, he found a man outside of the house who explained his brother was inside the house and the two were involved in an argument.

When the officer entered the house, he saw the suspect waving a meat cleaver/butcher knife in his hand. The officer immediately drew his service .40 caliber Glock semi-automatic Model 22 handgun and pointed it at the suspect. The officer ordered the suspect to drop his weapon and the suspect continued to aggressively advance on the officer while wielding the meat cleaver. The suspect then threw the meat cleaver at the officer. At this same time and fearing for his life, the officer fired striking the suspect multiple times.

Forty-two year old Officer Keith Whitehead, a 15-year veteran, suffered a substantial laceration to the side of his face and was transported to an area hospital to be treated. He is listed in good condition.

The suspect, 48-year-old Loc Quang Ta, was transported to University Hospital where he died.

The San Antonio Police Department's Shooting Team is handling the investigation and will submit their findings to Chief William McManus and the Bexar County District Attorney's Office. As per policy, Officer Whitehead will be placed on Administrative Duty which is procedural in Officer Involved Shootings.

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